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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein it comprises a member (1) for the pneumatic removal of articles (2) and movable from and toward said platform (30).

5. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein it comprises a device (6) for controlling the orientation of the articles, the said device (6) being downstream of said removal member (1).

Please add the following new claims:

6. (New) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein it comprises a member (1) for